

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Applicants herein acknowledge the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Claims 1 through 39 are currently pending in the application. The Office has identified the following groups of claims as being drawn to separate inventions:

Group I – Claims 1-17, and 35-39, drawn to an apparatus for measuring stress, classified in class 73, subclass 800; and

Group II – Claims 18-34, drawn to a rocket motor, classified in class 180, subclass 7.1.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-17 and 35-39, without traverse.

Please Note Information Disclosure Statement

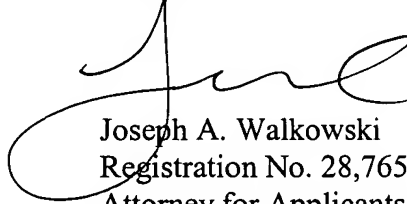
Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Office on January 23, 2004, and respectfully request that the documents or other information referenced therein be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned to the undersigned attorney evidencing same.

Should any of the documents, or portions thereof, be unavailable to the Examiner for any reason, please contact the undersigned attorney, who will supply same immediately by facsimile or other suitable method of delivery.

CONCLUSION

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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